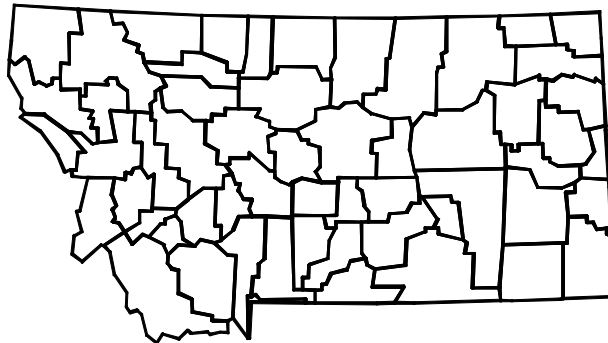


MONTANA



BY THE NUMBERS

Economic and Demographic Information

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MONTANA BY THE NUMBERS

POPULATION, 1990

Montana (1997 estimate) **878,810** Montana (1990 census) **799,065**
 Density (Persons Per Square Mile, 1997 estimate) **6.0**

Urban **52.5%** Rural **47.5%** Male **49.5%** Female **50.5%**

White **92.7%** Black **0.3%** American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut **6.0%**
 Asian & Pacific Islander **0.5%** Other Race **0.5%** Hispanic Origin **1.5%**

Total Housing Units (1996) **373,037**
 Total Households (1996) **340,813** Persons Per Household (1996) **2.50**

Top Ten Cities, 1996 estimate

Billings	91,195
Great Falls	57,758
Missoula	51,204
Butte-Silver Bow*	34,051
Bozeman	28,522
Helena	27,982
Kalispell	15,678
Havre	10,232
Anaconda-Deer Lodge*	10,093
Miles City	8,882

Top Ten Counties, 1997 estimate

Yellowstone	125,771
Missoula	88,818
Cascade	79,134
Flathead	71,707
Gallatin	61,111
Lewis & Clark	53,251
Ravalli	34,554
Silver Bow	34,441
Lake	25,341
Lincoln	18,772

*Consolidated City/County

MONTANA POPULATION PROJECTIONS

<u>2000</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2010</u>
950,000	1,006,000	1,040,000

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

EDUCATION, 1997

<u>Public School Enrollment (1997-1998)</u>	
Elementary (PreK-8)	111,839
Secondary (9-12)	50,325
TOTAL	162,164

<u>Postsecondary Institutions</u>	
University System Campuses	11
Private Colleges	6
Community Colleges	
Public	3
Tribally controlled	7

Public Students Per Square Mile: 1.11

Student/Teacher Ratio (1996-1997)

Montana Average	16.0 S/T
National Average	17.2 S/T

1996 Percent of High School Graduates or Higher	85.6%
1996 Percent of Bachelor's Degree or Higher	21.9%

Source: Montana Office of Public Instruction and U.S. Bureau of the Census

ECONOMIC, 1996

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME: **\$16,896,048,000**

PER CAPITA INCOME: **\$19,214**

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME*: **\$28,838**

AVERAGE WAGE PER JOB: **\$20,852**

GROSS STATE PRODUCT (millions of current dollars)**:

1992	1993	1994
\$15,075	\$16,138	\$16,862

*1994-1996 three year average

**Gross State Product is the market value of the goods and services produced by labor and property located in the state.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and Bureau of the Census

LABOR AND INDUSTRY, 1997

ANNUAL LABOR FORCE

<u>Civilian Labor Force</u>	<u>Employed</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>
453,941	429,624	24,317 (5.4%)

NEW BUSINESSES
3,258

CHANGED OWNERSHIP
1,504

TOTAL NEW BUSINESSES
4,762

Source: Montana Dept. of Labor & Industry/Research and Analysis Bureau

EXPORTS, 1996

Total Export of Commodities	\$1.2 billion
Agricultural Products	\$850.2 million
Manufactured Products	\$309.1 million
Mineral, Forestry, & Miscellaneous Products	\$84.2 million
Largest Export Commodity: Wheat & Wheat Products	\$746.1 million

AGRICULTURE, 1996

Total Farmland (million acres): **59.6**

Number of Farms (1997): **23,000**

Average size of farm-acres (1997): **2,591**

Top 5 Agriculture Commodities

1. **Wheat**
2. **Cattle & calves**
3. **Barley**
4. **Hay**
5. **Sugar Beets**

Top 5 Agriculture Exports

1. **Wheat & wheat products**
2. **Feed grains & products**
3. **Feeds & fodders**
4. **Live animals, meat, etc.**
5. **Seeds**

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census and Montana Agricultural Statistics Service

BUSINESS, 1996

RETAIL SALES

(millions of dollars)

Total Retail Sales: **\$8,296,398**

Food: **\$1,542,414** Eating & Drinking Establishments: **\$1,121,620** General Merchandise: **\$928,675**
Furniture, Home Furnish. & Appliance stores: **\$442,472** Automotive: **\$1,962,165**

Source: 1996 Survey of Buying Power, Sales & Marketing Management Magazine

BUSINESSES (ESTABLISHMENTS) BY EMPLOYMENT-SIZE

(Includes Government; Excludes Railroad, Self-employed & Most Agricultural Employment)

Total Number of Businesses With Payroll: **29,017**

1 to 4: **15,748 (54.3%)** 5 to 9: **6,141 (21.2%)** 10 to 19: **3,668 (12.6%)**
20 to 49: **2,322 (8.0%)** 50+: **1,138 (3.9%)**

Source: Montana Dept. of Labor & Industry/Research & Analysis Bureau

TAXATION, 1996

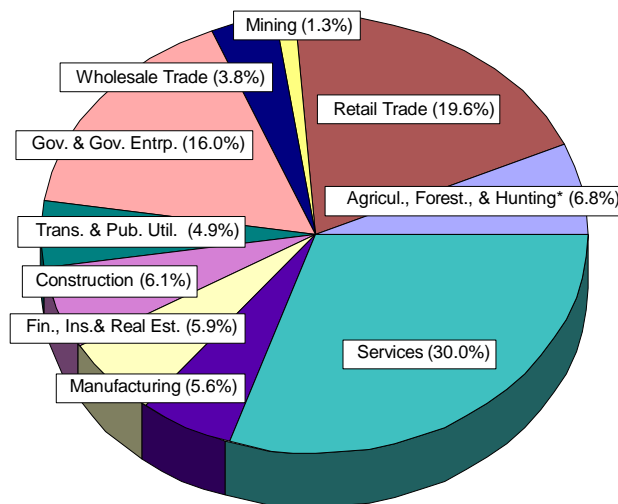
TAX	NATIONAL RANK	PER CAPITA AMOUNT
INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX	33rd	\$ 436
MOTOR FUELS SALES TAX	1st	\$ 200
MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSES	15th	\$ 59
TOTAL STATE TAX REVENUE	32nd	\$1,429

Montana has no general sales tax or use tax.

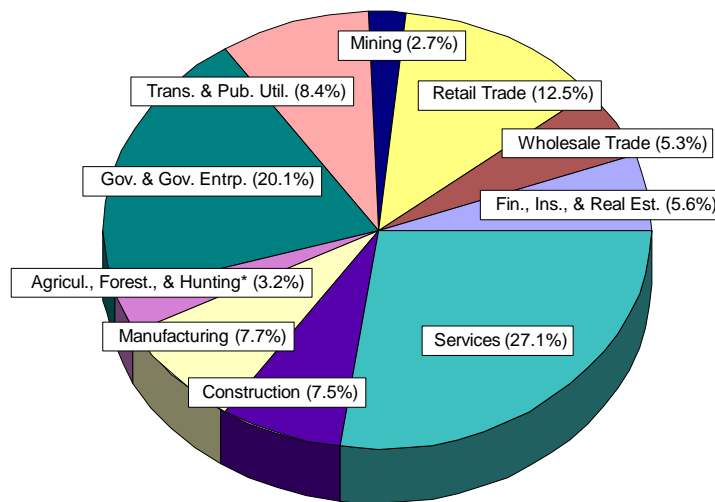
Source: State Government Finance Data & State Tax Collection Data, U.S. Bureau of the Census

MAJOR INDUSTRIES, 1996

FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY



TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME AND EARNINGS BY INDUSTRY



*This category includes Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, etc. and Farm
Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Dept. of Commerce

LARGEST MONTANA EMPLOYERS

(Full & Part-Time Jobs)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Montana Jobs</u>
Montana State Government (includes education)	22,800
United States Government (civilian and military)	21,800
Providence Services (hospital services & higher ed.)	3,700
Montana Power Company (utility, mining)	2,800
Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad	2,500
Billings School District	2,200
Washington Corporations (transp., services, mining, const.)	2,100
Buttrey Food & Drug Stores Co.	2,000
Billings Deaconess Medical Center and Clinic	2,000
Leavenworth Health Services (hospital services)	1,900
Great Falls School District	1,700
Wal-Mart	1,600

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Companies, Chambers of Commerce, State & Local Govs. etc.

MONTANA COMPANIES WITH 500+ EMPLOYEES*, 1998

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Number of Employees</u>
Montana Power Company	3,300
Montana Power Company Utility Division	3,200
Buttrey Food & Drug Stores Co.	2,600
Washington Corporations	2,500
Billings Deaconess Medical Center and Clinic	2,000
Semitool Inc.	1,500
Montana Rail Link, Inc.	1,000
Industrial Constructors Corp.	1,000
Norwest Bank Montana NA	900
First Interstate Bancsystem of Montana Inc.	700
United Tote Co.	600
First Interstate Bank of Commerce	500

*Some employees may be out of state

Source: Ward's Business Directory, 1998

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